

Dated: February 15, 1996.  
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Planning, Use and Protection Division.*  
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**Notice of Realty Action; Recreation  
and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act  
Classification; New Mexico**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management  
(BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action; R&PP  
Act Classification.

**SUMMARY:** The following public land in  
Dona Ana County, New Mexico has  
been examined and found suitable for  
classification for lease or conveyance to  
Las Cruces School District under the  
provision of the R&PP Act, as amended  
(43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Las Cruces  
School District proposes to use the land  
for a school site.

T. 22 S., R. 2 E., NMPM  
Sec. 33, lot 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Containing 45.64 acres, more or less.

**DATES:** Comments regarding the  
proposed lease/conveyance or  
classification must be submitted on or  
before April 8, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to  
the Bureau of Land Management, Las  
Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess,  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Marvin M. James at the address above or  
at (505) 525-4349.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Lease or  
conveyance will be subject to the  
following terms, conditions, and  
reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to  
all applicable regulations of the  
Secretary of the Interior.
2. All valid existing rights  
documented on the official public land  
records at the time of lease/patent  
issuance.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to  
the United States, together with the  
right to prospect for, mine, and remove  
the minerals.
4. Any other reservations that the  
authorized officer determines  
appropriate to ensure public access and  
proper management of Federal lands  
and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the  
Federal Register, the land will be  
segregated from all other forms of  
appropriation under the public land  
laws, including the general mining laws,  
except for lease or conveyance under

the R&PP Act and leasing under the  
mineral leasing laws. On or before April  
8, 1996, interested persons may submit  
comments regarding the proposed lease/  
conveyance or classification of the land  
to the District Manager, Las Cruces  
District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las  
Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Any  
adverse comments will be reviewed by  
the State Director. In the absence of any  
adverse comments, the classification  
will become effective 60 days from the  
date of publication of this notice.

**Classification Comments**

Interested parties may submit  
comments involving the suitability of  
the land for a school site. Comments on  
the classification are restricted to  
whether the land is physically suited for  
the proposal, whether the use will  
maximize the future use or uses of the  
land, whether the use is consistent with  
local planning and zoning, or if the use  
is consistent with State and Federal  
programs.

**Application Comments**

Interested parties may submit  
comments regarding the specific use  
proposed in the application and plan of  
development, whether the BLM  
followed proper administrative  
procedures in reaching the decision, or  
any other factor not directly related to  
the suitability of the land for a school  
site.

Dated: February 20, 1996.  
Linda S.C. Rundell,  
*District Manager.*  
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**Notice of Interim Management for  
Protection of Wild and Scenic River  
Values**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** The Bureau of Land  
Management, Canon City District, San  
Luis Resource Area has determined that  
41 miles of the Rio Grande River in  
Colorado was eligible for consideration  
as a potential addition to the National  
Wild and Scenic River System. This  
determination was made as a part of the  
San Luis Resource Management Plan  
process in accordance with the Federal  
Land Policy and Management Act of  
1976 (FLPMA), 43 CFR 1600, the  
Guidance for the Identification and  
Evaluation of Potential Additions to the  
National Wild and Scenic Rivers  
System, the USDI-USDA Final Revised  
Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification

and Management of River Areas, and  
BLM Manual Section 1623.41A2d.

**SUMMARY:** In December, 1991 the  
Resource Management Plan (RMP) was  
finalized for the San Luis Resource Area  
of Colorado. Assessment of potential  
additions to the National Wild and  
Scenic River System was included in  
this planning effort. A total of 32  
streams or segments of streams were  
analyzed and a 41 mile segment of the  
Rio Grande River in Colorado met the  
eligibility criteria. This segment of the  
river is "free-flowing" and has  
"outstandingly remarkable values,"  
therefore, this stretch needs adequate  
interim protection until a final decision  
is reached.

The 41-mile segment of the Rio  
Grande River, which is the last 41 miles  
of this river within Colorado, has been  
tentatively classified as follows: the  
upper 33 miles meets the "Scenic"  
classification criteria, and the lower 8  
miles meets the "Wild" classification  
criteria. These tentative classifications  
are based on conditions of the river  
corridor as they existed at the time of  
the study.

Management activities and authorized  
uses will not be allowed to adversely  
affect the eligibility or classification of  
this river. Management prescriptions for  
this river corridor should provide for  
protection in three ways:

1. The free-flowing characteristics of  
the river cannot be modified, to the  
extent that BLM is authorized under law  
to control stream impoundments and  
diversions.
2. Outstandingly remarkable values  
will be protected, and to the extent  
practicable, enhanced.
3. Management and development of  
the river corridor cannot be modified to  
the degree that eligibility or  
classification is changed.

A study report was prepared and  
included in the appendix to the  
proposed resource management plan/  
final environmental impact study and  
documents the application of the  
Eligibility/Classification/Suitability  
Criteria.

The study report was included as an  
integral part of the RMP process  
documentation. The determination  
within the RMP was a preliminary  
administrative recommendation for  
designation or non-designation  
depending on the suitability analysis.  
The recommendation will receive  
further review and possible  
modification by the Director of the BLM,  
the Secretary of the Interior and the  
President of the United States. Final  
decisions have been reserved by the  
U.S. Congress.